in advanced French trenches near the Navarin farm, in the Cham-District. Following is the text of the statement: In the region to the north of Verdun the bombardment has

tinued with intensity, particularly in the central sectors and our right. There has been no further attack on the Cote Du

"Testerday evening German forces made several attempts to py the village of Dougument. Their efforts were broken by resistance of our troops, who withstood the most furious

There is no change in the situation at the Fort of Douaumo ch still remains elessly encircled. The fighting is less spirited. "On the plateaus to the north of the village of Vaux, in the Woevre district, the enemy yesterday evening and last night asumed an attitude of greater activity. The railroad station at Eliz, captured and recaptured several times by the attacks and counter oks of the two opposing forces, now remains in our poss "All the attacks against Hill No. 255, to the southeast of Eiz,

re futile, failing to dislodge our troops. Further to the south a German attack against Manhoulles re-

'Our artillery is combatting with energy the bombardment of the enemy along all this front.

"In the Vosges we have bombarded several German barracks in

e region of Van de Sapt. 'In Belgium our batteries have bombarded German organiza-

ne located opposite Steenstrate.

"In Champagne, in the region of the Navarin Farm, to the north of Bonain, the enemy was successful by a surprise attack in occupring certain trenches of our advance line. They also took a sup-Some reports say the German offensive on a twenty-five mile front

morth and northeast of Verdun is now crumbling to a series of local Trainloads of wounded moving Parisward to-day are bringing evi-

dence of the nature of the carnage north of the French fortress. Other trains laden with fresh troops and munition supplies are hurrying eastward to fill the gaps in the French ranks,

Germans Sweeping Ahead, 15.000 Prisoners, Berlin Claims BERLIN, Feb. 27 (via London).-Attempts by the French to retake

the fortress of Douaumont have not only failed, but the German advance we Verdun continues steadily, according to the reports from the front.

In rapid succession Louvemont, Champneuville, Cote de Talou and Hardaumont have been stormed, and the Germans, with 15,000 French prisoners in their hands, now stand less than five miles from the centre of Verdun.

Following is the text of the Berlin War Office report:

"In the Verdun district, new masses concentrated by the enemy were exhausted in unsuccessful attempts to attack the German positions in and near the fortress of Douaumont and Hardaumont. The Germans have cleared the Meuse Peninsula of enemy forces.

[The "Meuse Peninsula" refers to the loop of land about five miles northwest of Verdun, on the east bank of the river, inclosed by the bend of the Meuse. In this loop lie the village of Champneuville, previously reported captured, and the heights known as

"The Germans advanced their lines further in the direction of Vacherauville and Bras.

"In the Woevre, the foot of Cote Lorisine was reached from the cost at several places.

"On the front north of Arras there has been intermittent mining activity. The Germans blew up about 40 metres of an enemy

"In the Champagne the Germans, after efficient artillery preparation, began an attack on both sides of the road from mme-py to Souain. They captured the Navarin farm and French positions on both sides, about 1,600 metres long, and took prisoner 26 officers and 1,009 men, and captured nine machine guns and one mine thrower."

The available railroad lines do not approach closely and miles of roads had to be repaired by hundreds of men in order to make posthe transportation of heavy cannon to within range.

Wretched weather added its difficulties to the situation, and the French telephone lines of communication had to be destroyed in order to prevent the French artillery from interfering with the setting up of the

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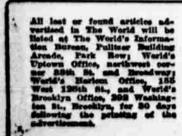
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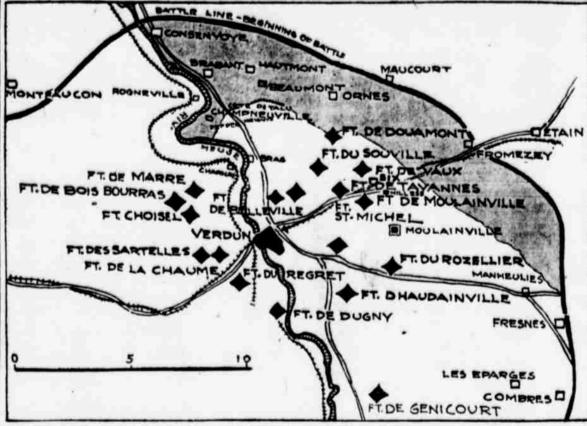
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Map of the Great Battlefield at Verdun; French Hold Heights Around Captured Fort



Shaded portions of the above map show the territory gained by the Germans eince their drive at Verdun began eight days ago. Whether the line has been changed west of the Meuse River is not indicated by the reports. Paris despatches to-day declare that French troops encircle Fort de Douaumont and that the railroad station at Elx, southeast of Fort de Vaux, remains in French hands. There were attacks at Hill No. 255 and Manheut of the Meuse River is not indicated by the reports.

military critics to-day as stories arrived from the front, telling of the awful destruction wrought by the great German howitzers.

They pointed out that no fortress since the beginning of the war has withstood the German battering, once the ring of defending forts has been breached. Douaumont was laid in ruins on Thursday, the day before the Brandenburgers stormed and captured the wrecked positions.

"Four shots of our heavy guns were fired against Douaumont and every one scored a bull's-eye on the distant target," said despatches from the front. "Explosions in the interior of that proud bulwark followed the hits. A second fort not far off blew up, just as did old Fort Loncin at Liege, as the result of a single large calibred shell crashing through the ammunition magazine."

All the correspondents with the Crown Prince's army point out the extensive preparations made for the attack. "Our artillery opened a murderous fire on the morning of the

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"Our fire raged with increasing fury until late in the afternoon of

woods have been transformed into one great entanglement by barbed am wire, but our powerful artillery had destroyed this net. Consequently our infantry rushed in with but slight losses. Infantry rushed in with but slight losses.

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strongest redoubt on this sector.

"The German offensive gradually spread to the eastward toward Ornes. Then, after the same game or clockwork again, taking new posi-artillery and infantry the Germans rushed forward again, taking new posi-Cal Pot Cal Po Ornes. Then, after the same game of clockwork co-operation between tly north of Verdun..

"The objective at that time was the so called Brabant position of the China Control China China Control China directly north of Verdun...

Verdun's fall, within possibly a fortnight, was predicted by German sent death and destruction against these strong field fortifications and on the twenty-second the Brabant position and the village had been taken.

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On the next day the Germans held Brabant and the surrounding positions, also cannon between Haumont and Samogneux and the village of

On the 24th the Germans took Hill 344, east of Samogneux, which had been the enemy's strongest point of support. At sunset the Germans took LONDON, Feb. 24.-With all the Cotelette Hill.

most tremendous offensive movement allied regiment in the west."

navy, preliminary to the beginning of waged over the ruins of Fort the new submarine campaign against Douaumont. The position has changed armed merchantmen at the stroke of hands time and again since the Brandenburgers stormed the shell-London is tense with excitement, wrecked pile of debris late Friday waiting for news that the German after the most terrific cannonading fleet is coming out to give battle in of the whole Verdun assault. the North Sea, or the signals warning Two miles to the west of Douau-



of the approach of a great Zeppelin mont the French are projecting a great flame of artillery fire across "It is the real thing at last," wrote Talu Ridge and the approach to the The great onslaught directed the military critic of the Times to- slopes of the Pepper Heights, barring against Verdun is but the prelude day. "The decision of the enemy to the German advance on Verdun. From to a grand assault by the Germans put his fortunes to the touch will be Louvemont to the northeast and along the whole western front-the received with flerce delight by every Samogneux to the north the great German and Austrian field pieces are Four miles from Verdun the greatest hurling tons of explosive shells into Prince Henry of Prussia has taken artillery and infantry battle perhaps the armored slopes of Pepper Heights over a high command in the German in the history of the world is being in an attempt to biast away the whole

DESTITUTE GREEK WOMEN PLEAD WITH DEPUTIES

Barefoot and Ragged, Workers
Beg for Relief From Distress

Southern Railway's gross carnings to January Increased \$935,019. Net after tax increased \$803,945. Seven month fost increased \$2,546,236. Net after tax increased \$4,119,604.

Feb. 27).—Barefoot and ragged women in large numbers, many with bables in arms, proceeded from the quarters CHICAGO of the working classes yesterday to Parliament, stopped ingoing Deputies and pleaded that the Chamber relieve the distress caused by mobilization of the men and non-payment of allow-ances to their families. There was no disorder. Several of the Deputies, im-pressed by the pitiful demonstration, addressed the women, promising re-

Little has been done by Parliament thus far in the present session. The members have been engaged princi-pally in recriminations, the disputes giving rise to frequent duels,

Influence of the war situation, both military and diplomatic, was clearly indicated in opening prices, which were weak. Reading made an advance to \$1%, or % above Saturday's high. United States Steel sold down to 82. Specialties and oil stock suffered most in the decline, which was followed by in an orderly way will show the a rally, but was quickly overtaken by a wave of recessions in which prices were carried below the opening. Re-newed selling in first hour of after-noon carried prices below the previous

Closing Quotations.

ITEMS FOR INVESTORS

ATHENS, Greece, Feb. 26 (via Paris, Peb. 27).—Barefoot and ragged women a large numbers, many with bables

WHEAT AND CORN Toly May Toly Toly

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Reuter's Athens correspondent says announcement has been made here that on account of England's refusal to supply the amount of sulphate of copper required by Greece the Government has applied to the United States for the needed quantity.

'YELLOW DOG FUND' **BRANDED MYTH BY** YOUNG GILLESPIE Senator Lawson of the Thompson com-mittee, to-day issued statements an-swering the Senator.

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islative Investigating Committee.

Mr. Gillespie was waiting for the about the \$500,000 the New York of- 'technically correct,' assumes to criti-Paul D. Cravath, of his counsel, was answering questions.

"Perhaps there's a wrong impresdon about Mr. Gilespie's attitude," said Mr. Cravath. "He is perfectly willing to bring all records here and answer questions about them. A subpoena duces tecum directs a witness to bring documents with him for examination, but does not include the surrender of the documents.

"Mr. Gillespie has done all that the law requires—even more—but will not leave his papers here to be roamed through at will. I have no doubt that an examination of the books of the T. A. Gillespie Co. made committee that every dollar is properly accounted for in the books."

"Yes," added young Mr. Gillespie, and they won't find any slush fund or 'yellow dog fund' in our books." Young Mr. Gillespie was asked when his father would return from Palm Beach. He said he did not know. He

week that he would telegraph his father the committee's request that he come here at once for examination. Frank Moss, counsel to the Thompson Committee, seemed pleased when

he read Mr. Cravath's statement. said. "Mr. Gillespie on Saturday refused to hand his records to the chairman of the committee when requested to do so. In that he made himself the judge of the relevancy of the papers-judge and witness together. That was where the matter broke. Mr. Cravath's statement indicates that now the witness is ready to give the information required, going back into December, 1913. The thirdtracking contract was awarded in

February, 1914." The Thompson committee served today on the Interborough Company a subpoena with fifteen subdivisions requiring it to furnish a complete accounting of every penny of stacks, bonds, &c., issued from its crea ion. A similar subpoena is to be sent to the B. R. T. for information covering all receipts and expenditures since

J. P. Morgan & Co. took \$160,000,000 of Interborough bonds at 931/2. They had to be accounted for at par. The Thompson Committee wants to know how that 6% per cent. difference was accounted for. Was it charged to "construction?" If so, that makes an item of \$10,400,000 to be deducted from the receipts under the preferential arrangement before the city can begin to share in the profits of

Among the most interesting requests for information are: "Dates, names and amounts of all payments to special counsel for services rendered in connection itwh the formation or organisation of your company and to what account or accounts those payments were charged; also dates, names and amounts of all payments to special counsel and the nature of services rendered from the time of the formation or organization of your company to date and to what account or accounts these payments were charged. By special counsel is meant

all those employed other than your regular legal department. "Dates, names and amounts of all

cash bonuses paid to any one for special services of any kind rendered or for property of any kind, the nature of such special services and detailed list of such property from the

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Travis H. Whitney, secretary of the Public Service Commission, and Le Roy Harkness of the commission's legal staff, accused of misconduct by Senator Lawson of the Thompson com-

Mr. Whitney in his statement says certain plans referred to by Senator Counsel Declares Company's to the engineering department of the Lawson as having been transmitted commission by W. S. Menden did not require the approval of the commission, as the Senator Insisted. The Lawson attack involved the injunction proceeding of Fred C. Williams against the commission in connection with the third tracking work in Fulton Street, Brooklyn, and an affidavit made by Mr. Whitney.

"Senator Lawson seems to claim," says Mr. Whitney "that if the Court in the Williams case had known of There is no "yellow dog fund" or office of the Engineering Department slush fund, according to Thomas H. it would not have dissolved the tem-Gillespie, son of the head of the T. A. porary injunction, He is apparently Gillespie Company, who was in at- one of the few people who did not tendance this afternoon before the proceedings in Court, for the suit was sub-committee of the Thompson Teg- dismissed on the application of the plaintiff." Mr. Harkness in his statement says:

"Senator Lawson, while admitting Whitney's affidavit was cise him because certain immaterial matters were mentioned in his affidavit. If there be any just ground for criticism in this connesction-as there is not-I, and not Mr. Whitney. am solely responsible. I was the counsel in charge of the case and I determined what papers should be presented to the Court and what should be included in them. Also as counsel I permitted Mr. Menden to withdraw certain detailed plans. That question was mine to decide, did not concern Mr. Whitney and was not submitted to him."

STATE HELPED KEEP T. R. FIT.

Paid \$30.50 for Punching Bag Outfit When He Was Governor. ALBANY, Feb. 28 .- Since the Thomp on committee's prorating of expense bills was exposed, a half dozen poli ticians on an average appear at the State Comptroller's office each day intent upon discovering items charged to the State that might prove embarrassing

to their political enemies. Records have been combed over re peatedly by friends of Gov. Whitmar peatedly by friends of Gov. Whitman anxious to disclose something detrimental to ex-Senator Edgar T. Brackett, who has been chiding Whitman about the "booze" charged on the Governor's trip to San Francisco. It appears that Brackett never participated in junkers or served on a committee where his expenses were paid by the State.

Yesterday records of money spent for the upkeep of the Executive Mansion were hauled out for one investigator who went back to the time Roosevelt was Governor. The worst unearthed against the Colonel were these two items:

To one set of horizontal bars, \$50.

To one punching bag outfit, \$30.59. promised Chairman Thompson last

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Premier Briand Tells How After Four Days' Fighting Positions Were Retaken.

PARIS, Feb. 29.-Premier Briand has informed newspaper correspondents that the tide had been turned after the first four days of the battle for Verdun.

"Caught between two fires," said M. Briand, "covered with shrapnel from all sides, attacked by our fresh divisions surging upon the field of battle at an unexpected moment, the Germans saw their efforts stopped short. The struggle was a titanic one. Our herole troops went into the melec frantically. Our light and heavy ar-tilery dug sanguinary furrows in the compact ranks of the Germans. "Finally exhausted, their ranks decl-

mated, the Germans recoiled under our furious counter attacks. We have regained the advantage. Installed upon formidable positions, our heroic solformidable positions, our heroic sol-diers remained masters of the field of battle."

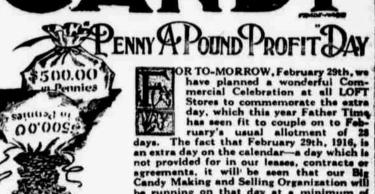


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